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SUMMARY: PEKING CONVENED A SESSION OF ITS NPC STANDING COMMITTEE BUT, ASIDE FROM REPLACING FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HAU FOR DOMESTIC MISDEEDS, THE MEETING REVEALED NO NEW POLICY LINES OR FURTHER APPOINTMENTS. CAMPAIGNING AGAINST THE "GANG OF FOUR" HAS LESSENED THE VULNERABILITY OF TENG HSIAO-PING AND CHANCES OF HIS REHABILITATION ARE IMPROVING. OFFICIALS AT THE CENTER AND IN THE PROVINCES WHO ARE CHARGED WITH CONNECTIONS TO THE FOUR, HOWEVER, REMAIN UNDER A CLOUD. THE REGIME HAS SIGNED A CHANGE IN EDUCATION POLICY AND HAS LAUNCHED ITS SEVENTH EARTH SATELLITE. IN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE APPOINTMENT OF CHINA'S NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, FORMER U.N. AMBASSADOR HUANG HUA, SUGGESTS NO CHANGE IN PRC FOREIGN POLICY. PRC MEDIA HAVE NOT REPORTED THE APPOINTMENT OF CYRUS VANCE, BUT VANCE'S NEWSWEEK REMARKS ON CHINA WERE EDITED OUT OF REUTERS DISPATCH CARRIED IN THE LOCAL COMMUNIST PRESS. MEANWHILE A CHINESE OFFICIAL REMAINS SKEPTICAL OF ANY MOVEMENT IN THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER TALKS, AND ANTI-SOVIET MEDIA INVECTIVE CONTINUES. NCNA RAN A STRAIGHTFORWARD NEWS REPORT ON THE JAPANESE ELECTION, BUT A LOCAL COMMUNIST PRESS COMMENTARY INDICATES THAT CHINA IS ENCOURAGED BY THE LOSSES OF THE "REVISIONIST" JAPANESE COMMUNIST PARTY. END SUMMARY

INTERNAL SCENE

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1. NATIONAL ATTENTION WAS FOCUSED ON THE CONVEYING OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS (HONG KONG 13956) BUT AFTER THREE DAYS OF DELIBERATION, THE BODY ANNOUNCED ONLY THE REPLACEMENT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE NOMINATION OF PREMIER CHOU'S WIDOW, TENG YING-CHAO AS A STANDING COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN. THE DEMISE OF FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA HAD LONG BEEN EX-

PECTED AND WAS DIRECTLY RELATED TO HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THE "GANG OF FOUR" (HONG KONG 13908). TENG YING-CHAO'S ELEVATION, ON THE OTHER HAND, SERVED AS ANOTHER REMINDER OF THE GROWING TRIBUTE TO THE LATE PERMIER CHOU AND FUTHER IDENTIFIED THE CURRENT REGIME WITH THE POPULAR PREMIER AND HIS POLICIES.

2. OTHER "APPOINTMENTS AND REMOVALS" WERE CONSIDERED AND DECIDED UPON BUT THE REGIME MADE NO FUTHER DISCLOSURES. HONG KONG'S PRC-CONTROLLED HSIN WAN PAO (DECEMBER 3) STATED THAT CHIAO'S REMOVAL FORMED THE "MAJOR PART" OF THESE DECISIONS AND CLAIMED THAT A FULL PLENARY SESSION WAS NECESSARY TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO FILL OTHER VACANCIES SUCH AS REPLACING THE NPC CHAIRMAN CHU TEH. ALL IN ALL, THE SESSION WAS MORE FORM THAN SUBSTANCE (HONG KONG14067).

3. THE PARTY'S THEORETICAL JOURNAL, RED FLAG, IN A DECEMBER ISSUE COMMENTATOR ARTICLE CALLED FOR THE CREATION OF MARIXISM LENINISM BY THE "GANG OF FOUR". THE ARTICLE OFFICIALLY INTRODUCED A MAO QUESTION WHICH IN MARCH 1974 TOLD CHINAG CHING THE CHAIRMAN DID NOT WANT TO SEE HER. THE ARTICLE STATED MATTER OF FACTLY THAT ALL OF THE CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENTS ABOUT COMBATING REVISIONISM AND STUDYING THEORY IN RECENT YEARS WERE DIRECTED AS THE "GANG OF FOUR", THUS EFFECTIVELY DISMISSING THE GANG'S CHARGES THAT REFERENCES TO "BOURGEOISIE IN THE PARTY" AND "CAPITALIST ROADERS STILL ON THE CAPITALIST ROAD" WERE RELATED TO THE CAMPAIGN EARLIER THIS YEAR AGAINST TENG HSIAO-PING AND HIS COLLEAGUES (PEKING DOMESITC DECEMBER 6).

4. TENG'S STAR APPEARS TO BE RISING, WITH POSTER IN CANTON PURPORTEDLY CALLING FOR HIS RETURN AND DISCUSSING MANIPULATION OF CENTRAL DIRECTIVES BY THE GANG AGAINST HIM (HONG KONG 14025). THE NPC SESSION ADDRESS BY PEKING BOSS WU TEH
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HOWEVER, SOMEWHAT DISCORDANTLY ADDED THE CALL TO CONTINUE TO CIRITIZE TENG AND THE RIGHT DEVIATIONINST WIND WHEN THE PHRASE HAD ALL BUT TOTALLY DISAPPEARED FROM THE MEDIA. A MAJOR ARTICLE IN THE VUOPLE'S DAILY BY A PLA GENERAL STAFF DEPARTMENT UNIT ADDED NEW CHARGES AGAINST THE FOUR, CRITICIZING THE GANG FOR ITS ATTEMPTS TO MANIPULATE THE MILITARY, AND ITS TONE SUGGESTED THAT THERE COULD BE SOME PLA MEN IN TROUBLE FOR TIES TO THE GANG. THERE WAS ALSO A MENTION OF THE GANG'S TIES TO LIN PIAO AND THEIR OTHERWISE UNSPECIFIED "CAPITULATIONS" TO THE SOVIETS AS WELL AS THEIR SABOTAGE OF THE PLA'S MODERNIZATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS (NCNA DECEMBER 7) CONFIDENTIAL

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LEADERSHIP: APPEARANCES & CRITICISMS

5. THE NPC SESSION (PARA 1) BROUGHT OUT LARGE NUMBERS OF CENTER LEADERSHIP FIGURES, AND CHAIRMAN/PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG, VICE PREMIERS LI HSIEN-NIEN AND KU MU WERE ACTIVE ON OTHER OCCASIONS. APPEARANCES BY VICE MINISTERS OR "LEADING MEMBERS" OF THE EDUCATION, CULTURE, AND PUBLIC HEALTH MINISTRIES AND THE SPORTS COMMISSION ALL POINT TO TROUBLES FOR THE TOP OFFICE-HOLDERS IN THOSE BODIES AND A NEW FACE, TANG HSIANG-MIN (7825/0686/3046) HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A LEADING MEMBER IN THE CULTURE MINISTRY. INDICATIVE OF THE FACT THAT THERE LIKELY WILL BE FURTHER CHANGES IN POLICY AT THAT MINISTRY, PEOPLE'S DAILY ON DECEMBER 5 PLAYED UP A 1975 POSTER CRITICISM SCORING THE "GANG OZUFOUR'S" APPROACH TO CULTURE. THE POSTER WAS BASED ON MAO'S APPROVAL OF THE FILM "PIONEERS" BUT RANGED WIDE IN ITS CRITICISM OF THE GANG'S MANIPULATION OF ALL FORMS OF CULTURAL APEIVITIES AND GENERAL DISREGARD TO PARTY DISCIPLINE.

6. THE PROVINCES CONTINUE SLOWLY TO SINGLE OUT FOLLOWERS OF THE "GANG OF FOUR" FOR CRITICISM. IN LIAONING, AN UNSPECIFIED PERSON WHO ASSUMED THE SURNAME "LI", GIVEN HIM BY CHIANG CHING, IS ACCUSED OF HAVING GREATLY INTERFERED WITH THE SHENYANG AIR FORCE. APPARENTLY, "LI" MADE EFFORTS TO DIRECT THE ANTI-LIN/ANTI-CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN AGAINST CHOU EN-LAI. ANOTHER ATTACK HAS COME FROM YUNNAN, WHERE THE FOCUS APPEARS TO BE ON PROVINCIAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN AND CYL SECRETARY CHU KO-CHIA, WHO NEVERTHELESS WAS NOT NAMED BY THE SPEAKERS AT A DECEMBER 4 RALLY. THE INDIVIDUAL IS CHARGED WITH LABELING THE PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP AS "RESTORATIONISTS IN POWER", AND WITH OPPOSING THE PROMOTION OF PRODUCTION AS "REVISIONIST". LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

EDUCATION REFORM TAKING A STEP BACKWARD

7. WITH THE CRITICISM OF MAO YUAN-HSIN FOR CONCOCTING STORIES ABOUT EDUCATION MODEL CHANG TIEH-SHENG CONTINUING (WR 47), A JOINT LIAONING DAILY AND PEOPLE'S DAILY REPORTERS' ARTICLE RESURRECTED THE OLD COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION SYSTEM AS A "GOOD" ADVANCE ON CULTURAL REVOLUTION (CR)
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EDUCATION POLICIES. MARKING THE FIRST REAPPRAISAL OF A CULTURAL REVOLUTION DOCTRINE BY THE HUA REGIME, FURTHER CHANGES IN EDUCATION ARE LIEKELY TO RESTORE MORE OF THE

PRE-CR EDUCATION ATTENTION TO TRAINING PEOPLE WITH MORE
THAN JUST "SOCIALIST CONSCIOUSNESS" (HONG KONG 14155).
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EARTH SATELLITE LAUNCHED

8. THE PRC ANNOUNCED THE LAUNCHING OF ANOTHER EARTH
SATELLITE ON DECEMBER 7, BUT CHARACTERISTICALLY, RELEASED
NO DETAILS ABOUT THE LAUNCH OR THE SATELLITE ITSELF. THIS
IS THE SECOND SATELLITE LAUNCHED THIS YEAR, AND COUPLED
WITH THE PRC'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS' TESTS (WR 47) INDICATES
CONTINUED HIGH-LEVEL INTEREST IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEVELOPMENT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

CHINA'S NEW FOREIGN MINISTER

9. THE APPOINTMENT OF PEKING'S FORMER AMBASSADOR TO THE
U.N., 63-YEAR-OLD HUANG HUA, TO REPLACE CHIAO KUAN-HUA AS
THE PRC'S NEW FOREIGN MINISTER SIGNALS NO CHANGE IN CHINA'S
FOREIGN POLICY. HUANG HAS BEEN A FAITHFUL EXECUTOR OF THE
PRC'S NEW LINE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS SINCE ITS INCEPTION
FOLLOWING THE PING-PONG DIPLOMACY OF 1971. HIS ATTACKS
AT THE U.N. AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION WERE FREQUENT, AND ON
ONE OCCASION HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART, JACOB MAKIK, REFERRED
TO HUANG AS A "HUNCHBACK". A SEASONED DIPLOMAT WHO IS
FLUENT IN ENGLISH, HUANG HAS HAD LONG-RANGING CONTACTS
WITH AMERICANS, STARTING WITH HIS UNIVERSITY EDUCATION IN
THE 1930'S AT HARVARD-AFFILIATED YENCHING UNIVERSITY, AND
CONTINUING THROUGH THE MARSHALL MISSION, THE PANMUNJOM
TALKS OF 1953, THE TAIWAN STRAITS CRISES OF 1958 WHEN HE
WAS DISPATCHED TO THE WARSAW TALKS, AND HIS ANNUAL U.N.
GENERAL ASSEMBLY TALKS WITH THE US. SECRETARY OF STATE
(HONG KONG 14067). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

THE UNITED STATES

10. CONTINUING ITS CAUTIOUS "WAIT" AND "SEE" ATTITUDE
TOWARD THE NEW AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION -- UP UNTIL NOW
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PEKING MEDIA HAVE CARRIED ONLY ONE BRIEF NEWS ITEM REPORTING
PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER'S VICTORY (WR 45) -- CHINA HAS NOT
REPORTED PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF CYRUS
VANCE AS HIS SECRETARY OF STATE. THE SENSITIVITY OF
VANCE'S COMMENTS TO NEWSEK ON CHINA, PARTICULARLY THAT
HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THERE IS ANY RUSH TO NORMALIZE, WAS
INDICATED IN HONG KONG'S PRC-OWNED TA KUNG PAO. THE
NEWSPAPER RAN A REUTERS DISPATCH OF THE INTERVIEW REPORTING
VANCE'S COMMENTS ON THE REST OF THE WORLD, BUT COMPLETELY
DELETED HIS REMARKS ON CHINA.

11. THE LOCAL COMMUNIST PRESS CONTINUES TO GIVE ADVICE TO CARTER. RECENTLY, IT HAD IMPLIED STRONG APPROVAL OF THE MANSFIELD REPORT FOR NORMALIZATION "WITHOUT DELAY", AND HAD PREVIOUSLY ADVISED THE PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE NEED TO ABANDON A "TWO-CHINA" POLICY (WR 45). THIS WEEK, COMMENTING ON BREZHNEV'S RECENT STATEMENT CALLING FOR CARTER TO GIVE PRIORITY TO THE SALT TALKS, THE PRC-OWNED WEN WEI PAO WARNED, "IF WASHINGTON CONTINUES TO PURSUE THE POLICY OF APPEASEMENT TOWARD MOSCOW, THE DAY WILL COME WHEN THE UNITED STATES WILL BE SURPASSED BY THE SOVIET UNION IN QUALITY AS WELL AS QUANTITY OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS." IN ANOTHER COMMENTARY PEGGED TO THE CURRENT NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING, WEN WEI PAO, CITING COPIOUS STATISTICS OF INCREASING SOVIET MILITARY STRENGTH, STATED AMERICA HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO SUPPORT NATO. IT ADDED THAT CARTER'S PLEDGES NOTWITHSTANDING, THE DEGREE OF SUPPORT NATO WILL RECEIVE UNDER A CARTER ADMINISTRATION REMAINS TO BE SEEN (TA KUNG PAO DECEMBER 7, WEN WEI PAO DECEMBER 2 & 8). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE SOVIETS

12. WITH CHIEF NEGOTIATOR LEONID ILYICHEV BACK IN PEKING, THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER TALKS REPORTEDLY RESUMED DECEMBER 3. THE RUSSIANS REPLACED ILYICHEV'S DEPUTY, GENERAL GANGOVSKY, WITH THE HIGHER RANKING GENERAL LOBANOV. PRIOR TO THE RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS, HOWEVER, PRC VICE FOREIGN MINISTER HAN NIEN-LUNG TOLD A WEST GERMAN GROUP NOVEMBER 29 THAT ILYICHEV'S RETURN WAS ONLY ANOTHER FAKE STEP TOWARD RECONCILIATION. CHINESE OFFICIALS IN MOSCOW REMAINED EQUALLY SKEPTICAL, COMMENTING THAT ILYICHEV'S RETURN SEEMED AIMED MORE A WASHINGTON THAN PEKING. MEANWHILE, MEDIA ATTACKS AGAINST THE RUSSIANS WERE JUST AS VIRULENT AS EVER. A PEOPLE'S DAILY COMMENTARY SCORED THEM FOR CALLING U.S. ARMS SALES A "VILE PRACTICE", AND NOTED THAT THE SOVIET REVISIONISTS HAVE LONG BECOME MERCHANTS OF DEATH, FATTENING ON THE "BLOOD AND WEALTH" OF PEOPLE. ANOTHER COMMENTARY WARNED OF RUSSIAN NAVAL PENETRATION IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC, PART OF A SOVIET DESIGN TO ENCIRCLE LATIN AMERICA. NCNA CALLED THE SOVIETS' DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS AT THE UNESCO CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI A "FRAUD" AND ATTACKED THEM AT THE U.S. FOR THEIR POLICIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST, AS WELL AS FOR THEIR ABSTENTION ON A RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN LATING AMERICA. CONFIDENTIAL

13. IN THE LOCAL PRC PRESS, THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TA KUNG

PAO COMMENTED ON RUSSIA'S NEW "SMILING OFFENSIVE": "IF THE RUSSIANS BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN SOFTEN CHINA BY SPEAKING SOFTLY AND CARRYING A BIG STICK, THEY SHOULD HAVE THEIR HEADS EXAMINED." THE COMMENTARY ALSO STATED THAT "THE MILITARY PRESSURE BROUGHT TO BEAR UPON CHINA BY THE SOVIET UNION HAS NOT SOFTENED BY EVEN AN IOTA". THIS ELABORATES ON SENIOR VICE PREMIER LI HSIEN-NIEN'S CLAIM IN MID-NOVEMBER THAT THE SOVIETS CONTINUE TO "THREATEN" CHINA (WR 46) AND CLEARLY INDICATES THAT CHINA REMAINS CONCERNED WITH THE DISPOSITION OF SOVIET TROOPS ALONG ITS BORDER K(PEKING 2495, MOSCOW 19075, NCNA DECEMBER 2-5, TA KUNG PAO DECEMBER 2).
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JAPAN

14. NCNA RAN A FAIRLY STRAIGHTFORWARD NEWS REPORT OF THE JAPANESE ELECTION, COMPARING THE NUMBER OF SEATS EACH PARTY WON IN THE LOWER HOUSE ELECTION TO THE NUMBER OF SEATS THEY PREVIOUSLY HAD. NCNA NOTED THAT THE RULING LDP WON ONLY 249 SEATS, WHILE THE "MIYAMOTO CLIQUE" -- THE JAPANESE COMMUNIST PARTY -- DROPPED 22 SEATS AND WAS DOWN TO 17. BEFORE IT WAS CLEAR WHETHER OR NOT THE LDP WOULD BE ABLE TO SECURE A GOVERNING MAJORITY, A LOCAL COMMUNIST PRESS COMMENTARY SKIRTED WARILY AROUND THE PROBLEMS THE ELECTION POSED FOR JAPAN. A LATER COMMENTARY, FOLLOWING THE NEWS THAT THE LDP HAD LINED UP ENOUGH INDEPENDENTS TO GIVE IT A WORKING MAJORITY, HIGHLIGHTED THE FACT THAT JAPAN'S COMMUNISTS -- DESIGNATED IN PARENTHESIS AS "REVISIONISTS" -- HAD SUFFERED A TERRIBLE DEFEAT (NCNA, WEN WEI AND HSIN WAN PAO DECEMBER 7). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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15. CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG RECEIVED VIETNAMESE VICE PREMIER DO MUOI ON DECEMBER 6. PEKING EMPHASIZED THE GOVERNMENT NATURE OF THE VISIT BY MAKING NO REFERENCE TO MUOI'S PARTY TITLE. MUOI, WHO IS ALSO MINISTER OF BUILDING, HAS JUST CONCLUDED A TRIP TO MOSCOW AND IS PROBABLY DOING SOME COMPARATIVE SHOPPING FOR CONSTRUCTION AID. THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN HUA AND MUOI WAS DESCRIBED BY NCNA AS "CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY". IT IS SOMEWHAT PUZZLING AS TO WHY THE CHINESE CHOSE TO GIVE SUCH A HIGH-LEVEL GREETING TO MUOI, WHO IS NOT A POLITBURO MEMBER AND IS THE MOST JUNIOR OF THE SEVEN VIETNAMESE VICE PREMIERS (NCNA DECEMBER 5 & 6).

16 CHINA CELEBRATED THE FOUNDING OF THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF LAOS BY SENDING A MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN HUA TO LAO STATE AND PARTY LEADERS.

PEOPLE'S DAIL RAN AN EDITORIAL, WHILE THE CHINESE PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION FOR FIRENDSHIP WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND THE CHINA-LAOS FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION GAVE A RECEPTION. BOTH HUA'S MESSAGE AND THE EDITORIAL FOCUSED ON THE LAO VICTORY OF LAST YEAR AND ON FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLES. NCNA REPORTS OF SPEECHES BY LAO LEADERS EDITED OUT THE
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ANTI-U.S. AND ANTI-THAI REMARKS. PARTICULARLY, PREMIER KAYSONE PHOMVIHANE'S LONG SPEECH OF DECEMBER 1 MERITED ONLY TWO SENTENCES, BOTH PERTAINING ONLY TO LAOS. WHILE PRAISING THE LAOTIANS' ACHIEVEMENTS, PEKING THUS DID NOTHING TO LEND SUPPORT TO LAOS' ANTI-U.S. AND ANTI-THAI STANCES, BOTH OF WHICH, IN PEKING'S VIEW, WOULD SERVE ONLY TO STRENGTHEN SOVIET AND VIETNAMESE INFLUENCE (NCNA DECEMBER 1-3). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PARTY-TO-PARTY RELATIONS

17. CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG AND POLITBURO MEMBER LI HSIEN-NIEN MET DECEMBER 5 WITH A DELEGATION OF FRENCH MARXIST-LENINIST COMMUNISTS. IT WAS THE SECOND PURELY PARTY MEETING WITH BOTH HUA AND LI IN ATTENDANCE SINCE HUA ASSUMED THE POST OF PARTY CHAIRMAN -- THE FIRST OCCURRED ON NOVEMBER 19 WITH LEADERS OF THE BURMESE COMMUNIST PARTY (WR 47). ON NOVEMBER 28 LI ALSO MET WITH A WEST GERMAN COMMUNIST PARTY DELEGATION AND ON DECEMBER 2 HEADED A BANQUET FOR AUSTRALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (M-L) LEADER E.F. HILL. THIS IS THE MOST ACTIVE LI HAS BEEN IN PARTY-TO-PARTY RELATIONS SINCE 1971. THE MEETINGS SERVE TO SYMBOLIZE CHINA'S CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO THE WORLD COMMUNIST CAUSE WITHOUT HARMING HER ESSENTIALLY CONSERVATIVE POLICY IN SATE-TO-STATE RELATIONS. NONE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOUR PARTIES CITED ABOVE POSE ANY SERIOUS THREAT TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF THEIR COUNTRIES (NCNA NOVEMBER 28, DECEMBER 2 AND 5).
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